

## HOUSE COMMEMORATION NO. 1043

Introduced by: Representatives Nelson (Stace), Abdallah, Bolin, Brunner, Cronin, Dennert, Elliott, Feickert, Feinstein, Haggar, Hickey, Hoffman, Hubbel, Hunt, Iron Cloud III, Jensen, Jones, Kirschman, Kloucek, Kopp, Liss, Magstadt, Miller, Moser, Munsterman, Novstrup (David), Perry, Rozum, Russell, Schaefer, Sigdestad, Sly, Solum, Steele, Street, Van Gerpen, Venner, White, Wick, Willadsen, Wink, and Wismer and Senators Johnston, Begalka, Bradford, Brown, Cutler, Fryslie, Garnos, Hansen (Tom), Haverly, Heineman, Holien, Hunhoff (Jean), Kraus, Krebs, Lederman, Maher, Nelson (Tom), Novstrup (Al), Nygaard, Peters, Putnam, Rampelberg, Rave, Rhoden, Schlekeway, Tidemann, Tieszen, and Vehle

A LEGISLATIVE COMMEMORATION, Commending and honoring MSgt Scott H. Leebens for his selection as the South Dakota Air National Guard Outstanding First Sergeant of the Year.

WHEREAS, MSgt Scott H. Leebens, a resident of Dell Rapids, decided to join the Air National Guard to serve his country and has served as an inspirational mentor by fostering camaraderie and a sense of belonging within his squadron; and

WHEREAS, MSgt Leebens, a First Sergeant for the 114<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Sioux Falls, has served his country with honor, serving as First Sergeant in AEF, deploying to Iraq, and maintaining a high state of morale and readiness for over three hundred airmen of the South Dakota Air National Guard and over eighty Combat Search and Rescue personnel; and

WHEREAS, as noted by the South Dakota Air National Guard, MSgt Leebens is a very accomplished First Sergeant who has extended his military success and skills into his private life and has nobly contributed ample off duty time to volunteer activities with his local Boy Scout troop and his church; and

WHEREAS, MSgt Leebens' performance is in keeping with the highest traditions established by South Dakota's veterans and the United States Armed Forces:



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT COMMEMORATED, by the Eighty-sixth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, that MSgt Scott H. Leebens be congratulated and honored as a recipient of the South Dakota Air National Guard Outstanding First Sergeant of the Year award, be recognized for his outstanding service and outstanding representation of the State of South Dakota, and be extended the best wishes for his continued success, happiness, and safety.